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SUBJ: ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN MORO KIDNAPPING IN
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1. SPECULATION AS TO POSSIBLE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE MORO KIDNAPPING HAS BEEN VOICED BY EX-SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI) SECRETARY GIACOMO MANCINI AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) DIRECTORATE MEMBER SENATOR EMANUELE MACALUSO.
 2. MANCINI, WHO LEADS A PSI CORRENTE WHICH IS OPPOSING CURRENT PARTY SECRETARY CRAXI, IN THE APRIL 4 ISSUE OF PANORAMA MAGAZINE SUGGESTS THAT QUOTE CERTAIN FACTS END QUOTE LEAD ONE TO DEDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICANS IN THE MORO KIDNAPPING. IN HIS OPINION THE US ISSUED AN OPEN INJUNCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (DC) AGAINST FORMING A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT WITH THE PCI BUT THE DC HAS DONE SO WITH MORO LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
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DC ACTION. HE ALSO PERCEIVES THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR AS A SIGNIFICANT US ADMONISHMENT TO A DISOBEDIENT DC, A DC IN WHICH MORO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO LEAD RESISTANCE AGAINST SUCH EXTERNAL PRESSURES. WHILE EXPRESSING FAITH IN CARTER'S POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE, MANCINI ADDS THAT THE US SECRET SERVICE HAS QUOTE MANY HEADS END QUOTE.

3. IN A MARCH 28TH INTERVIEW APPEARING IN THE ROME DAILY LA REPUBBLICA, MACALUSO OF THE PCI RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRUE AIM OF THE BRIGATE ROSSE BY REPLYING THAT SINCE 1969 AN OVERT GOAL OF TERRORIST GROUPS HAS BEEN THE CREATION OF PANIC AND DISORDER AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR REQUESTING REACTIONARY MEASURES TO IMPOSE ORDER. AS AN EXAMPLE OF PAST EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH DESTABILIZING INITIATIVES MACALUSO RECALLED THE ALLEGED SUPPORT FORMER AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN GAVE TO GENERAL MICELI IN THE PERIOD 1969-71. HE SUGGESTS THAT SIMILAR EFFORTS TO CREATE PANIC AND LACK OF FAITH IN GOVERNMENT EXIST TODAY.GARDNER

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